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| For: | SPEECH DECODER THAT DETECTS STATIONARY NOISE SIGNAL REGIONS | |

RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

The Office Communication of December 15, 2008 erroneously stated that no listing (Form PTO-1449) of references cited in the International Search Report has been submitted. However, PAIR contains a copy of a Form PTO-1449 listing such references (attached hereto), which is page 3 of the IDS. Accordingly, listing of the cited documents on the patent resulting from this application is deemed to be warranted. An Office Communication acknowledging the above is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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For: METHOD FOR ESTIMATING NOISE POWER AND NOISE
POWER ESTIMATION APPARATUS

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Rules 56 and 99, Applicants hereby call the attention of the Patent Office to the art listed on the attached Form PTO 1449. Copies of the art cited in the International Search Report (ISR), which issued by the JPO, are made available to the U.S. examiner in the national stage application, pursuant to MPEP 1893.03(g), and therefore copies of such art are not submitted herewith. The art cited in the ISR is listed on the attached PTO-1449 for an indication of consideration by the examiner. Copies of any other references listed on the PTO-1449, besides those cited in the ISR, are submitted herewith. US '530 corresponds to JP '766.

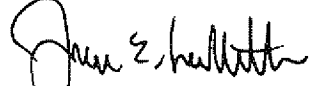
Applicants present this art so that the Patent Office may, in the first instance, determine any relevancy thereof to the presently claimed invention, see Beckman Instruments, Inc. v. Chemtronics, Inc., 439 F.2d 1369, 1380, 165 USPQ 355, 364 (5th Cir. 1970). Also see Patent Office Rules 104 and 106.

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Applicants respectfully request that this art be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and made of record herein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue herefrom.

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